VALENTYN MOROZ

Born April 15, 1936, Ukrainian, arrested in 1965 on charges of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" and sentenced to 4 years imprisonment. In June 1970 re-arrested and tried by a closed court: sentenced to 9 years imprisonment and 5 years exile for writing three essays critical of police terror and national discrimination in the USSR. On July 1st 1974 began a hunger strike in Vladimir Prison which is to last either until he is transferred from the solitary confinement cell he is confined in, to a labor camp—or until he dies.

VLADIMIR BUKOVSKY

Born December 30, 1942. Russian, arrested in May 1963 and imprisoned in Leningrad prison psychiatric wing until February 1965. On release, took part in Moscow demonstration demanding public trial for Daniel and Sinyavsky: re-arrested and jailed for 6 months. Re-arrested in 1971 and sentenced on January 5th 1972 to two years in prison, five in a labor camp and five in exile. Is presently in Vladimir Prison and suffering from heart trouble and chronic rheumatism.

JIRI MULLER

Born December 28, 1943. Czech, a socialist and student leader. Twice expelled from the University—once in 1967 and again in 1970. Detained in November 1971 for issuing leaflets concerning the "elections," he was sentenced in July 1972 to five and one half years imprisonment. He is suffering from gallstones and is refused X-rays and treatment.

APPEAL TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION

Political persecution and attacks on civil liberties have not been confined to one country or bloc of countries, and in recent years they have been increasingly common and more intensive. Radicals, humanitarians, consistent advocates of democratic ideals, socialists and communists have found themselves protesting about repression in every continent and almost every country.

It is particularly regrettable that in the countries of Eastern Europe, and especially in the USSR and Czechoslovakia, the tendency to solve political disputes by administrative and repressive measures has become more acute. Many elementary liberties have once more been put in question. The incarceration of Major General Grigorenko in a mental hospital as well as the imprisonment of numerous other people such as Plyushch, Moroz, Svitlichny and Lubarsky in the USSR, and also the heavy penalties against Milan Hübl, Jaroslav Sabata, Jan Tesar, and Jiri Muller among many others in Czechoslovakia, are famous cases in point.

Like peace, civil liberties are indivisible. Oppression in any country diminishes humanity everywhere. Oppression in a country with a socialist constitution is a particular challenge to the radical conscience of the rest of the world, since these countries aim themselves to be both democratic and advanced in the field of civil rights.

To all those human beings who feel sympathy for the future of socialism in this sense, and to all genuine democrats, we address this appeal.

We are calling for world-wide participation by socialists, communists, democratic and humanitarian organizations and individuals in three days of protests about the repression of civil liberties in the USSR and Czechoslovakia as well as in other Eastern European countries. The first of these we propose to designate Grigorenko Day, which will be fixed on 7th May 1974, the anniversary of the imprisonment of Major General Grigorenko. On that day we urge a world-wide initiative of protest meetings and petitions in solidarity with Pyotr Grigorenko and all the other victims of politically motivated incarceration in mental hospitals and prisons.

On the second day, 27th November 1974, which is the anniversary of the arrest of Sabata and Muller, and on the third day, 29th March 1975, which is the anniversary of the imprisonment of Vladimir Bukovsky, we propose similar endeavours.

We appeal to people of goodwill throughout the world to endorse and support this appeal.

Signed

Pavel Litvinov—on behalf of the Soviet Initiative Group for the Defense of Human Rights in the Soviet Union
Ken Coates and Chris Farley—on behalf of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation
Jiri Pelikan—for the Collective of Listy, the journal of the Czechoslovak Socialist opposition
Andrei Sakharov—member of the Academy of Science of the Soviet Union

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